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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration) DA QA/QC: 03/05/01. SY

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ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Reimbursement for Shipment of Household
Effects [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE : Memo from C/Admin/FI, dtd 21 Oct 54

1. You have requested that the subject-named individual's claim for \$750.00 as reimbursement for the cost of transporting his household effects from Chicago, Illinois, to Washington, D. C. be reconsidered.

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2. Since the more detailed factual statement now presented indicates conclusively that [REDACTED] first duty station was Washington, D. C., we have no alternative but to advise that the reimbursement of the transportation cost here involved may not legally be made. This conclusion is made necessary by the well established rule that the cost of transportation of household effects and other expenses of travel to an employee's first duty station is a personal expense, and may not be charged to the government. In this connection, see 32 Comp. Gen. 537, 538 and the decisions therein cited.

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3. We have noted that [REDACTED] has recently completed a long period of continuous overseas service without the benefit of having these effects made available to him. However, since their shipment at government expense could have been authorized only from Washington, D. C.--his first duty station--these factors do not warrant a conclusion different from that indicated.

4. The papers are returned.

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